

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified application is requested in view of the following remarks.

Claims 9-12, 20-21, and 23-25 are canceled. Thus, claims 1-5, 7, 8, 13-19, and 22 are pending.

The Examiner is thanked for allowing claims 1-5, 13-19 and 22, and for indicating that claim 10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.


Claim 7 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowed claim 10 and intervening claim 9. Accordingly, claim 7 should now be in condition for allowance.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, or should the Examiner feel that a teleconference would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application, the undersigned requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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